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NOTICE OF APPEAL FROM THE EXAMINER TO THE **BOARD OF PATENT APPEALS AND INTERFERENCES**

Sir:

Applicant hereby appeals to the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences from the decision of the examiner dated May 18, 2006, rejecting the following claims 1-28.

(X) The fee for this Notice of Appeal is (37 CFR 1.17(b)) \$500.00.

(complete (a) or (b) as applicable)

The proceedings herein are for a patent application and the provisions of 37 CFR 1.138(a) apply.

- (X) (a) Applicant petitions for an extension of time under 37 CFR 1.136 (fees: 37 CFR 1.17(a)-(d) for the total number of months checked below:
 - () one month
- \$120.00
- () two months
- \$450.00
- () three months
- \$1020.00
- (X) four months
- \$1590.00
- () The extension fee has already been filed in this application.
- () (b) Applicant believes that no extension of time is required. However, this conditional petition is being made to provide for the possibility that applicant has inadvertently overlooked the need for a petition and fee for extension of time.

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